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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Docket No. DW 22-005
Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.
Petition for Approval of 2022 Qualified Capital Project Adjustment Charge (QCPAC)/ Notice of Appearance

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Please enter my appearance in this docket on behalf of the Department of Energy, Division of Regulatory Support, pursuant to RSA 12-P:9. Please add Robyn Descoteau and Douglas Brogan to the service list. Ms. Descoteau's email address is Robyn.J.Descoteau@energy.nh.gov and Mr. Brogan's email address is Douglas.Brogan@gmail.com.

Please be advised that, consistent with the QCPAC filings in Dockets No. DW 21-022 and 21-023, the Department will conduct discovery examining the petition, and will request the Department's Audit Division to audit the filing. The Department will also direct an engineering review of the capital projects at issue for the purpose of determining whether the investments are prudent, and used and useful in the delivery of utility service to customers. The Department expects this filing to conclude with a Settlement Agreement between the Company and the Department that will be submitted to the Commission for its review. Finally, it is our understanding that the Commission will likely issue its final decision in an Order *Nisi*, with no hearing required.

Consistent with the Commission's *Temporary Changes in Filing Requirements* (March 17, 2020), this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

s/s Suzanne G. Amidon

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